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EMPHASIS ON MEDICAL RESEARCH IN AIIMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Institute of Medical Sciences has failed to emphasise on medical research ,one of its major objectives primarily due to lack of funds and infrastructure as reported in the Hindu Dated March 17,2005;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to focus more on research;

(d) the amount of funds allocated to the Institute every year for research work;

(e) whether the allocated amount is sufficient for the various research projects of the institute ;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether the doctors of AIIMS go abroad on the pretext of study ;

(h) if so, the details thereof during the last five years; and

(i) the number of doctors who returned after completion of their so called study?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (f): All India Institute of Medical Sciences is a premier institute set up under an Act of Parliament. The institute has been engaged in research on topics of national importance since its inception. The research projects are funded by various national and international agencies and these researches are published in national and international journals which are peer reviewed. The normal grant to the institute is utilized both for the research activities and patient care related activities. In addition, the institute also receives research grants from other government organization and non-government agencies. The extra-mural funds received have increased over the years from Rs.9.86 crore (1994-95) to Rs.20.38 crore (2003-04).

For the year 2004-05, AIIMS has received a sum of Rs.32.57 crore from the various national and international funding agencies.

(g) to
(i): It is not true that AIIMS faculty members go abroad on the pretext of study. No faculty members have been permitted to go abroad for study. However, faculty members of the institute are permitted to avail fellowship/training abroad in accordance with the guidelines framed by the Governing Body of the institute. During the last five years, 112 faculty members were permitted to avail the fellowship/training abroad. On completion of the term of the approved period of fellowship/training, all the faculty members have returned and resumed their duties